GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
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CCAMLR
Mahajan Smt. Poonam

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has acceded to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) appended to the Antarctic Treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding programmes of research and application of conservation measures undertaken by the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research under the aegis of CCALMR?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) India has acceded to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) on 17th June 1985 and entered into force with effect from 17th July 1985.

(c) National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), an autonomous Institute of Ministry of Earth Sciences, has carried out multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional research activities addressing various key scientific questions related to hydrodynamics, biogeochemistry, biodiversity, air-sea interactions, etc in Southern Ocean. India supported the proposal in CCAMLR for formation of Marine protected area (1.55 Million sq. km area of the Ross Sea) with special protection from human activities.